

House Resolution 1454

By: Representatives Kaiser of the 59th, Morgan of the 39th, Abrams of the 84th, Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Fullerton of the 151st, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Black Doll Affair Social Movement and inviting them to appear before the
2 House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Black Doll Affair Social Movement was founded in Atlanta, Georgia, in
4 2007 by Ms. Dana Hill to remind black girls of their inner and outer beauty; and

5 WHEREAS, the Black Doll Affair Social Movement was inspired by the psychological "doll
6 test" performed in the 1940's and recreated in Kiri Davis's documentary, *A Girl Like Me*, in
7 which black children expressed a preference for white dolls over black dolls and indicated
8 that the black dolls were ugly and bad; and

9 WHEREAS, determined to improve the self-image of black girls of today, Ms. Hill's Black
10 Doll Affair Social Movement is a "pretty...philanthropic" social movement aimed at instilling
11 love of self and increasing confidence; and

12 WHEREAS, living dolls, called Black Dolls, Ambasadolls, and Porcelain Dolls, are
13 community role and fashion models of all ages who travel the country to spread a message
14 of love and pride to countless young black girls; and

15 WHEREAS, with the motto, "be a doll, give a doll," the mission of the Black Doll Affair
16 Social Movement is to deliver thousands of toy black dolls throughout Georgia and other
17 states where Black Doll members reside; and

18 WHEREAS, the Black Doll Affair Social Movement frequently changes the location of its
19 Clubhouse at Meetup to allow children from around the globe to learn about the organization
20 and provide the optimum opportunity to grow the organization with a diverse group of
21 supporters; and

22 WHEREAS, throughout the year, the Black Dolls donate thousands of dollars to charitable
23 causes that assist children, women, and African Americans living in and around their
24 communities; and

25 WHEREAS, a movement that originated in Georgia, the Black Doll Affair Social Movement
26 has expanded to include members in Alabama, Maryland, California, Connecticut, Florida,
27 Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania,
28 Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin, Washington, D.C., Africa, and France; and

29 WHEREAS, Black Dolls, Ambasadolls, Porcelain Dolls, and their black and white male
30 friends, the Black Doll Brothas, travel to local communities to deliver dolls and the message
31 that black dolls are gorgeous representatives of strong, black women and serve as positive
32 role models; and

33 WHEREAS, the outstanding contributions of Ms. Hill and the members of the Black Doll
34 Affair Social Movement are worthy of recognition, and the members of the Black Doll Affair
35 Social Movement are recognized on their first visit to the state capitol.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
37 the members of this body recognize the members of the Black Doll Affair Social Movement
38 for their commitment to improving the lives of young women.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Black Doll Affair Social Movement are
40 invited to appear before the House of Representatives at a date and time to be determined by
41 the Speaker of the House of Representatives to be honored and receive copies of this
42 resolution.